THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The rates of commercial advertisements on Doordarshan vary depending upon time slots, the contents of the programme, telecast time and the channel of Doordarshan on which it is to be telecast. The details of these rates are available in the Doordarshan Commercial Service Rate Card, which is a public document.

Assessment of funds for expansion of entertainment industry

†3562. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of requirement of funds for expansion of entertainment industry in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of this amount;

(c) the percentage of the earning by the industry estimated to be added to the GDP; and

(d) the number of people likely to get employment directly and indirectly?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No assessment of requirement of funds for the expansion of the entertainment industry has been made by the Government.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) According to a study undertaken by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. It has been estimated that the film industry provides direct and indirect employment to nearly five million people. No authoritative figures are available on the percentage contribution of the industry to the GDP.

Production of programmes by private companies for DD

†3563. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHIR KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private companies are assigned responsibility of producing programmes to be telecast on the DD;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the private companies/industries selected therefor during the years 1999-2000 and 2001-2002 and the criteria for their selection; and

(c) the number of programmes produced by each and amount paid to them therefor, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Media coverage of Gujarat situation

3564. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Council Chairman has issued a strong statement against the media coverage of Gujarat situation;

(b) if so, whether he has also warned that any news report printed or published by the print media of relayed by the electronic media in contravention of ethical norms in reporting is likely to invite penal action under the provisions of Section 295-A of the Indian Penal Code and allied provisions;

(c) whether there have been reports of violations of this code by the media and the press; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take against the media and the press?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Chairman, Press Council of India, through press releases, appealed to the media to promote peace and harmony among the people in Gujarat. While making the appeal, he also *inter-alia* brought the penal provision to the notice of the media.

(c) and (d) Press Council of India has informed that complaints in this regard are under their scrutiny.

European Film Festival in New Delhi

3565. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ninth European Film Festival was held in New Delhi from March 7, 2002 onwards;